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Buying a Pocket Watch

Annie Dote sent this to me. Quite interesting!

As Paul Harvey used to say, 'Here's the rest of the story'.

If you were in the market for a watch in 1886, would you know where to get one? You would go to a store, right? Well, of course you could do that, but if you wanted one that was cheaper and a bit better than most of the store watches, you went to the train station! Sound a bit funny? Well, for about 500 towns across the northern United States, that's where the best watches were found. Why were the best watches found at the train station?

The railroad company wasn't selling the watches, not at all. The telegraph operator was. Most of the time the telegraph operator was located in the railroad station because the telegraph lines followed the railroad tracks from town to town. It was usually the shortest distance and the right-of-ways had already been secured for the rail line.

Most of the station agents were also skilled telegraph operators and that was the primary way that they communicated with the railroad. They would know when trains left the previous station and when they were due at their next station. And it was the telegraph operator who had the watches. As a matter of fact, they sold more of them than almost all the stores combined for a period of about 9 years.

This was all arranged by "Richard", who was a telegraph operator himself. He was on duty in the North Redwood, Minnesota train station one day when a load of watches arrived from Chicago. It was a huge crate of pocket watches. No one ever came to claim them.

So Richard sent a telegram to the manufacturer and asked them what they wanted to do with the watches. The manufacturer didn't want to pay the freight back, so they wired Richard to see if he could sell them. So Richard did. He sent a wire to every agent in the system asking them if they wanted a cheap, but good, pocket watch. He sold the entire case in less than two days and at a handsome profit.

That started it all. He ordered more watches from the watch company and encouraged the telegraph operators to set up a display case in the station offering high quality watches for a cheap price to all the travelers. It worked! It didn't take long for the word to spread and, before long, people other than travelers came to the train station to buy watches. Richard became so busy that he had to hire a professional watch maker to help him with the orders. That was Alvah. And the rest is history as they say.

The business took off and soon expanded to many other lines of dry goods. Richard and Alvah left the train

station and moved their company to Chicago -- and it's still there.

YES, IT'S A LITTLE KNOWN FACT that for a while in the 1880's, the biggest watch retailer in the country was at the train station. It all started with a telegraph operator: **Richard Sears** and his partner **Alvah Roebuck!**

Arielle Update

I received this update on little Arielle. She was diagnosed with a very rare form of leukemia. She has had a bone marrow transplant.

The following was sent to me by Cardiac Cowboy:

Well, I was going to write to tell you that Arielle was doing very well but on May 3rd she was admitted back to Albany Hosp. She was having bloody stools, not eating and breathing very rapidly. She needed a blood transfusion which helped but continued to have problems. She was transferred back to Boston Children's Hosp where they felt the stool problem was an infection but couldn't figure out why her breathing and oxygen saturation was so very poor. An echo was done (this is the type of work Tim does) but the doctor said she was moving to much and the pictures were poor but it appeared her right side of the heart was working harder than the left.....my son Jason told me this on Mothers' day. The doctor said Arielle was a mystery, had no clue what was wrong. I told Jason he needed to have the heart doctor repeat the echo under sedation and also get a c t scan of the lungs. Tim and I pointed out many problems that could be occurring in the heart and lungs. Well, they found fluid in the lining of the lungs and potential other problems. They will be doing a scoping of the lungs and a biopsy as well today. May not know till tomorrow or later what was found. One thing we were assured of is it was not the leukemia recurring.

Perry County Youth Field Day

The 15th annual Perry County Youth Field Day will be held June 14, 2014 at the Ickesburg Sportsmen's Assoc. It is a fantastic day for the approximately 200 kids that will be attending. The Regulators will again be manning a station at the field day. If you would like to help, please contact Tuscarora Slim at tslim1@centurylink.net or 717-789-3004 before May 1 so that I can get you a parking pass.

2014 Shoots

April 5 - PP
May 3 - LR
June 7 (Empty Saddles Charity Shoot) - PP
July 5 - LR
August 2 - PP
August 29, 30, and 31 (Cow Camp)
Set up - August 28
October 4 - LR
November 1 - PP

Registration 9:00 AM
Shooters Meeting 9:45 AM

PP - Pocket Pistol - One stage allows you to use your pocket pistol or the club supplied pistol
LR - One stage will allow the option to use your long range rifle or your match rifle.

Because Labor Day falls on September 1 this year, Cow Camp is the end of August. THERE WILL BE NO SHOOT ON SEPTEMBER 6 AT ICKESBURG.

May 2014 Shoot

We had 31 shooters join us for our May shoot. Here are the results.

Buckarette - Monehe Honehe
Lady Silver Senior - Annie Dote
Lady Senior - Saddle Silks
Forty-Niner - Gus McCrae
B-Western - Dangerous Old Man
Senior - Hired Gun
Senior Duelist - Frontier Bob
Classic Cowboy - Letort Lawman
Elder Statesman - Wichita Wayne
Silver Senior - Dirt Rider
Gunfighter - Old Pathfinder
Frontier Cartridge - Tucker
Wrangler - Biloxi Bob

Dangerous Old Man bested the stages and shot a clean match.

Empty Saddles Shoot

Don't forget that our June match is our annual Empty Saddles Shoot in memory of all the saddle partners we have lost. The proceeds from the main match will be donated to the fund to help pay for young Arielle's medical expenses. In addition, we will again be doing a food drive for the Perry County food bank. For every 5 non-perishable food items donated, you will receive a Dag-Nab-It, good for a 5 second time. Also, you may buy the Dag-Nab-Its for \$5.00 each. That money will go to the food bank. There is no limit to the number of Dag-Nab-Its you can earn or use.

Gunpeddler and his wife have donated a Walther "SASS" pellet rifle to be raffled at the Empty Saddles Shoot. Tickets will be available before the match and at lunch and the drawing will be immediately after the match. A huge THANK YOU to Gunpeddler and Gwen!

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for making my granddaughter, Monehe Honehe (Young Wolf), feel so welcome at the May shoot. This was her first match. She had a great time and is chomping at the bit to shoot in the next match. Gotta love cowboys and cowgirls!

Tuscarora Slim

CLUB SCHEDULES

Dakota Badlanders, Allentown, PA - 2nd Sunday, March to October. Contact Barley Pop Bill, 610-770-1189

Boothill Gang, Topton, PA - 1st Sunday, April to November. Contact Lester Moore, 610-704-6792. Blue Mountain Shoot Out, October 29 - 31

Thurmont Rangers, Thurmont, MD - 1st Sunday, March to November, Contact Chuckaroo, 301-831-9666

Westshore Posse, New Cumberland, PA - 2nd Sunday, March to November, Contact Hired Gun, 717-774-5652

Jefferson Outlaws, Jefferson, PA - 3rd Saturday March to December, Annual shoot: May 15-17, Contact Red Eyed Kid, browning12g@msn.com

Jackson Hole Gang, Jackson, NJ - 4th Sunday, March to November, Contact Emerado, 609-466-2277. Purgatory in the Pines, September 24 - 26.

Elstonville Hombres, Manheim, PA - 4th Sunday March to October Contact Trusty Sidekick, SASS32866ts@aol.com 484-797-0677

El Posse Grande, Muncy, PA - 4th Sunday March to October, Contact Black Hills Barb, 570-538-9163

Mainville Marauders, Mainville, PA - Cowboy Shoot - 2nd Sunday, March to November. Buffalo Shoot 2nd Saturday March to November, Contact Dusty Ed, 570-384-4048

Blue Mountain Rangers, Hamburg, PA - 3rd Sunday April to October. Buffalo Shoots March to November, Contact Trusty Sidekick, 610-939-9947. No shoot in August. Buffalo Shoots, May 1, November 6.

Heidelberg Lost Dutchman, Schaefferstown, PA - 2nd Saturday March to November, Contact Ivory Rose, 717-627-0697

Cowboy Action Shooting Sports, Inc., Largent, West Virginia - 4th Sunday of the month, February to November, Contact Jackson, 540-678-0735

State Championships

MD - June 26 - 28, Damascus Wild Life Rangers, Damascus, MD Contact Chuckaroo 301-831-9666



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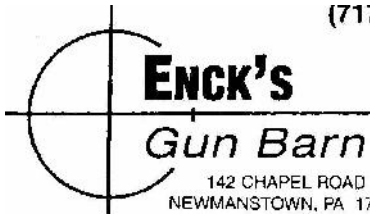
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